GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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SCRAP STOLEN FROM RAILWAY GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the absence of proper monitoring of rail godowns, a large quantity of old scrap stolen;

(b) if so, whether the Railways have received complaint about theft of scrap from railway godown in the country particularly under Bilaspur Division;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): However, no such complaint has been received in regard to theft of railway scrap from Railway godowns under Bilaspur Division over South East Central Railway.

A statement showing the number of cases of theft of scrap from Railway godowns over Indian Railways registered, value of property stolen / recovered and arrests made during the year 2007 (upto September) is as under:-

Year	No. of Cases Registered	Value of Property Stolen (in Rs.)	Recovered (in Rs.)	Arrests
2007(upto Sept)	85	18,09,880	17,63,357	156

(d): Whenever complaints of theft of scrap are received, the cases are registered under the Railway Property (Unlawful Possession), Act and Indian Penal Code. Sincere efforts are made to collect crime intelligence and make recoveries with arrests of criminals.